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SUMMARY: TURNOUT AT GOVERNMENT AND ROMAN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS NEAR NORMAL THIS WEEK. UNION LEADERS INDICATE WILLINGNESS TO "SUSPEND" STRIKE UNTIL AFTER FALL ELECTIONS. FORMAL GOVERNMENT - UNION NEGOTIATIONS REMAIN STALEMATED. END SUMMARY.

1. GOVERNMENT AND ROMAN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS OPERATING AT CLOSE TO NORMAL LEVELS THIS WEEK. MORAVIAN CHURCH SCHOOLS REMAIN CLOSED, BUT ANNOUNCEMENT OF THEIR REOPENING MONDAY, APRIL 16, EXPECTED. BOTH GOVERNMENT AND RELIGIOUS TEACHERS SCHOOLS AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS REMAIN CLOSED. NO INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE REPORTED THIS WEEK, THOUGH OCCASIONAL POLICEMEN STATIONED AT POTENTIALLY TROUBLESOME SCHOOLS.

2. SURINAM CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE ACTING HEAD M. LUNES SAYS THAT GOVERNMENT PERMISSION WILL BE GIVEN TO STRIKING UNIONS FOR MASS MEETING FRIDAY OR SATURDAY TO GAIN RANK AND FILE CONSENT FOR "SUSPENSION" OF STRIKE. ACCORDING TO LUNES,
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LABOR LEADER AND STRIKE STRONGMAN EDDY BRUME NOW PREFERS TEACHERS RESUME WORK UNTIL AFTER EXPECTED OCTOBER ELECTIONS, DUE TO FINANCIAL PINCH OF NEARLY TWO AND ONE HALF PAYLESS MONTHS. TEACHERS REPORTED TO HAVE REQUESTED WORK THSUPPORT UNDER PRESENT CRITERIA AND RULES. IT IS NOTED THAT IN REQUESTING FUNDS FOR THE TYMBAKION SLICE XXIII PROJECT, GREECE SOUGHT COMMON FUNDING SUPPORT FOR A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT. THIS WAS NOT SUPPORTED BY THE P& P COMMITTEE, ALTHOUGH SOME PIPING, MANHOLES AND SEPTIC TANKS WERE APPROVED (NATO DOCUMENTS AC/4(PP) D/9987 AND AC/4(PP) DS/935 PERTAIN).

2. WE AGREE WITH THE OBSERVATIONS MADE IN PARA 1. E.(1) AND (2) OF REF C. HOWEVER, AFTER EXAMINATION OF THE REFERENCES THEREIN CITED REGARDING POSSIBLE SEWAGE PLANT PRECEDENTS, THOSE CASES HAVE NOT BEEN CONVINCING ARGUMENTS TO SHAPE, THE INTER-NATIONAL STAFF, OR TO SOME OF OUR COLLEAGUES ON THE INFRASTRUC-TURE COMMITTEES.

3. THE USERS (US AND UK) IN PARTICULAR CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR HOST NATIONA, GREECE, TO ACCEPT ITS NORMAL NATIONAL RESPON-SIBILITY OF PROVIDING A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT. THIS WEEK, GREEK AUTHORITIES AGAIN REITERATED THAT THEY HAVE NOT PLANNED TO PROVIDE A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT AT THEIR (NATIONAL) EXPENSE. THEIR ATTENTION HAS BEEN INVITED TO BOTH NATO DOCUMENTS C- M(56)59 AND DPC/ D(72)43. IN THE LATTER DPC APPROVAL DOCUMENT FOR SLICE XXIII, IT IS CLEAR THAT QTE DESIGNATED HOST AND USER COUNTRIES ACCEPT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES ACCORDING TO NORMAL INFRANSTRUCTURE PROCEDURES. UNQTE.

4. IN THE NEXT INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING, GREECE PLANS TO STATE THAT IT WAS THEIR UNDERSTANDING IN MAKING TYMAKION SITE AVAILABLE IT WOULD BE ACCEPTED QTE AS IS UNQTE WITH NO SUB-SEQUENT IMPROVEMENTS VISUALIZED AT GREEK NATIONAL EXPENSE. ON APRIL 17, 1973, THE GREEK REP PLANS TO REITERATE THE GREEK POSITION IN COMMITTEE MEETING AND REQUEST MODIFICATION OF SLICE XXIV TO INCLUDE A COMMONLY- FUNDED SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT, AND THE US AND UK REPS (THE USERS) PLAN TO SUPPORT THIS REQUEST IN COMMITTEE. THE ESTIMATED COST AT TIME OF THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF SCREENING REPORT, AC/4(PP) D/9987, ANNEX II, WAS IAU 40,000.

5. IT IS LIKELY THAT THE COMMITTEE MAY NOT ACCEPT THE GREEK PROPOSAL TO COMMONLY FUND THE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT IN SLICE
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XXIV, IN WHICH CASE THE MATTER MUST STILL BE RESOLVED IN HOST/
USER NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF GREECE ACCEPTING ITS
NORMAL HOST COUNTRY RESPONSIBILITY IN PROVIDING THE SEWAGE TREAT-
MENT PLANT AT THEIR OWN NATIONAL EXPENSE.
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